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Report from Ponce—Last case of smallpox discharged.

Ponce, P. R., June 3, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended June 1, 1901. Also the report of immigrants and a summary of transactions for the month of May, 1901.

Three vessels were inspected and passed and 1 bill of health was

issued.

The last case of smallpox was discharged during the week and the hospital closed. Later I will send a summary of the cases and the amount of vaccination done.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Summary of transactions of Service during the month of May, 1901.

Ponce—Smallpox—Total number of cases during prevalence.

PONCE, P. R., June 10, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended June 8, 1901, also mortality report of the city for the month of May, 1901:

Six vessels were inspected and passed and 4 bills of health were issued. The total number of smallpox cases during the prevalence of that disease was 181. Of these, 101 were men, 80 women—53 colored, 125 white—82 under 15 years and 99 adults. One death among the first cases was reported to me, but that is now said to have been due to pneumonia. The cases ranged from the mildest possible to grave confluent, the majority being very mild; some had been vaccinated at various times and a few had scars of previous attacks. The average duration of the cases was about twenty days. Something over 9,000 vaccinations were done. The hospital and management of the epidemic was under the direction of the superior board of health, through the local member, Dr. P. J. Salicrup.

Respectfully,

W. W. King,

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of May, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., June 6, 1901.

| Diseases of— | | Tetanus (infantile) | 3 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----|
| Digestive system | 39 | Gangrene | |
| Respiratory system | 12 | Cancer | |
| Circulatory system | 16 | Rheumatism | 2 |
| Nervous system | 3 | Metritis | 2 |
| Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition | 15 | Asphyxia | 1 |
| Malaria | 13 | Wounds | |
| Tuberculosis | 9 | - | |
| Diphtheria | 2 | Total | 123 |
| Number of deaths reported during May | , 1 90 | 01 (a) | 123 |
| Number of deaths reported during May | r, 1 90 | 00 (a) | 443 |
| Number of births reported during May | , 190 | 01 (a) | 72 |
| | | 00 (a) | |
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a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce.

Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of May, 1001.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 1; number passed, 1.

W. W. King,

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during week ended May 25, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., May 27, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended May 25, 1901.

May 21, Spanish steamship Catalina, from Genoa, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Canary Islands, San Juan, P. R., and Mayaguez, with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

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Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for week ended June 8, 1901.

Ponce, P. R., June 10. 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended June 8, 1901.

June 3, French steamship St. Domingue, from Fort de France and St. Thomas, with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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